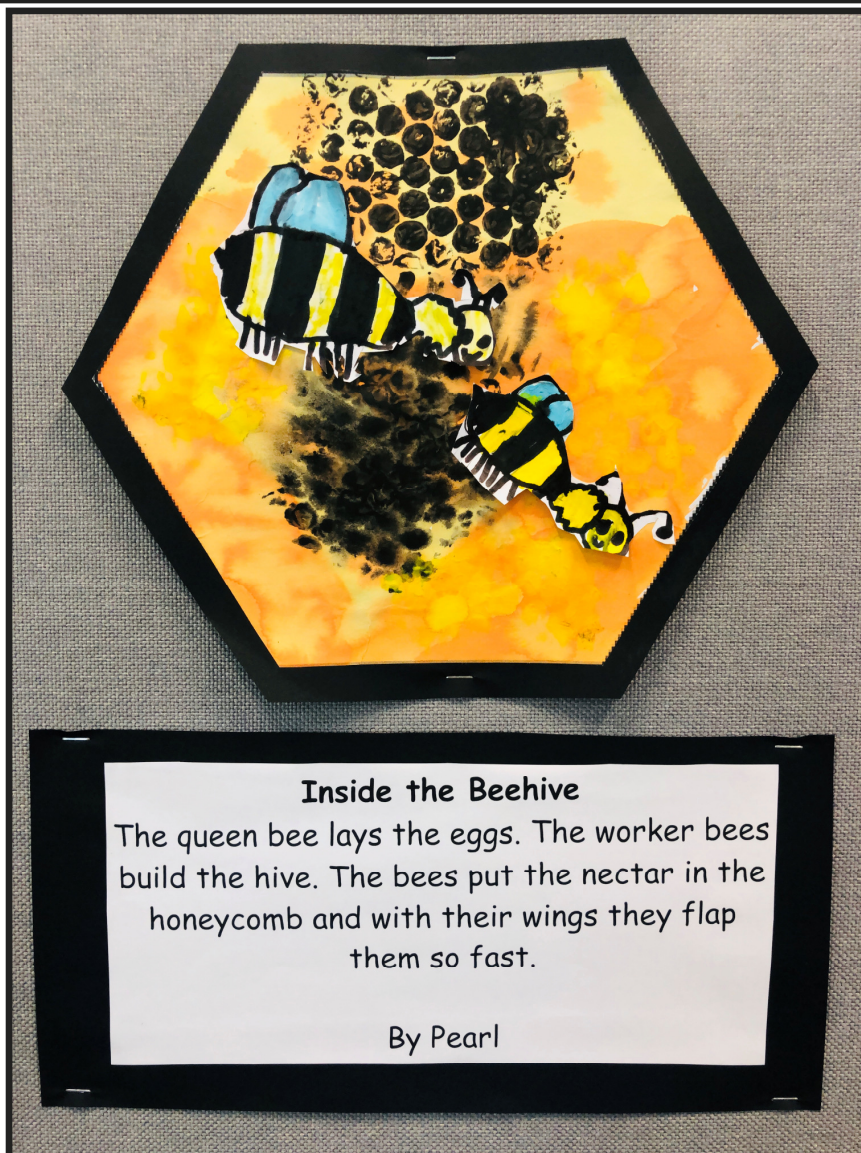


Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1, 15 October 2019



Cover Photo:

We are learning to use texture to create an effect in our artwork and discuss the workings inside a Beehive, Community 2.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to a rather wet and blustery start to Term 4. I trust you are well rested after the holiday break. Term 4 is always a busy one with important learning to be completed as one year level comes to a close and preparation begins for the following year.

I am fortunate enough to have had the benefit of a term's sabbatical leave, granted by the Ministry of Education, to be well rested. The purpose of this leave was to take time away from work for refreshment and to complete some academic reading and writing. I am certainly refreshed having spent time in South America – walking the Inca Trail in Peru, cycling in Bolivia, and snorkelling and walking in the Galapagos Islands. I was then able to turn my attention to the academic part of my sabbatical leave to work on the topic of *Combining culturally responsive and relational pedagogy with the affordances of innovative learning environments to promote equity of learning outcomes for all learners*. There are elements of this work that will lead to inviting your input into our future development as a school and on our Charter for 2020. You will receive more information about this next week.

Digital Technologies in the Technology Curriculum

As of the beginning of next year, all schools and kura are required by the Ministry of Education to deliver the digital technologies strand of the Technology Curriculum. This strand has been revised to ensure all learners have the opportunity to become digitally capable individuals. A significant change is the shift to a greater focus on learners building their skills so they can be innovative creators of digital solutions.

"The digital curriculum is about teaching children how to design their own digital solutions and become creators of, not just users of, digital technologies, to prepare them for the modern workforce." Chris Hipkins, 2018.

For our students to develop the computational thinking and designing required in the revised curriculum, a large number of digital devices are required. This year, the school was able to purchase 50 chromebooks and 45 iPads to support the development of digital capability thanks to our proactive Board of Trustees and PTA committee, who are well supported by you, the parents and caregivers in our school community. Thank you.

As those parents of children who sat ICAS exams will know, this year the exams were taken on-line, a small example of how the digital landscape is changing in education. Our goal is to provide equitable access to digital technologies for all learners at all year levels and in this respect, we aim to have a ratio of at least one device for every two students. Currently we have a ratio of one to three. Hence, the purpose of the fundraising for this year's Walkathon.

Walkathon 2019

Our Walkathon will be held on Friday, 1 November, or if it is wet that day, Tuesday, 12 November. The PTA are coordinating this fundraising event to raise money to purchase more iPads as mentioned beforehand. Please support your child to gather donations or pledges of sponsorship money. Once the walk has been completed, please send all money collected in the zip lock bag provided. We would appreciate it if you were able to send all of the money at one time as this makes our administration of money much easier. Thank you.

School Organisation 2020

Later this term, we will be preparing our school organisation for 2020. If you consider your child has specific learning needs that we need to be especially mindful of when arranging guardian groups for next year, please put this in writing to me with *Class Placements 2020* in the subject line. Please do not ask for a specific teacher as we are not able to accommodate such requests. Rather, we are able to, and give considerable thought to, accommodating specific learning needs. Written requests should be received by me by Friday 1 November.

Powhiri to Welcome our New Students, Whānau and Staff

As is our custom here at Warkworth School, we will be holding a Powhiri this Friday at 2:00pm to welcome all of our new students, their family and whanau, and our new staff. It would be wonderful if any of our established families could join us in welcoming these new members of our school community.

School Athletics Day

We are still needing assistance with our School Athletics Day to be held on Tuesday, 22 October. If you are available to help with marshalling etc, we would be very grateful. Please complete the Google form here: <https://forms.gle/UE5xmD1DWzExKTvk6>.

ACTIVE Award Recipients - Congratulations to the following ACTIVE Award winners:

- **Harper Schedewy-Speed** for being an adventurous learner. You are always happy at school to take every opportunity to try your best and learn something new each day.
- **Ava Visser** for being an empowered literacy learner by becoming an engaged reader, using strategies to help her solve unknown words
- **Isaac Adolph** for being empowered by taking responsibility for his own learning
- **Casey Henrico** for listening respectfully to others, working collaboratively and independently. Doing your best work in all our activities, especially writing stories.
- **Clara Robertson** for always being the best that she can be in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the fabulous attitude for learning Clara. Tino pai rawa
- **James Gavin** for confidently talking about your learning during Learner Led Conversations. You were enthusiastic and showed how you are an ACTIVE Warkworth learner.
- **Naiah Perfect Morrison** for always being adventurous in your learning. Your confidence and enthusiasm for learning is growing everyday.
- **Seth Gray** for your enthusiasm and hard working attitude in literacy. You have become determined to conquer your personal goals.
- **Lucy Mahon** for taking off like a rocket in reading and for consistently having a positive and focused attitude towards learning.
- **Owen Bronkhorst** for always showing determination in your writing. You never give up, you keep trying until you have achieved what you set out to do. Great work.
- **Portia Norton** for proving to yourself you are a consistent and capable ACTIVE learner in Maths.
- **Connor McGowan** for being an adventurous learner and for persevering to complete your learning tasks.
- **Abigail Stanners** for persevering with your learning this term. Your speech was fantastic.
- **Alexander O'Shea** for being a kind and collaborative member of Community 4, you have shown great focus in your learning this term.
- **Robert Gavin** for performing independent work with confidence and focus.
- **Ilan Aylward** for taking responsibility in your learning and making wise choices, allowing you to complete your tasks on time.
- **Remi Duchesnes** for always displaying the qualities of an ACTIVE learner and supporting others to do the same.
- **A.J. Santiago-Ellison** for working collaboratively and successfully with his group and empowering others to have a go.
- **Cypress Dalgety** for making great progress in your writing.
- **Maddison Tapp** for making courageous choices and being prepared to move out of your comfort zone. You are a positive learning role-model.
- **Eva Murphy** for being an empowered learner, taking risks in her learning and being an excellent role model to others.
- **Rudi Le Prou** for being a thoughtful member of our community and working hard on your learning this term. Great work Rudi!

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Friday 18 October	Powhiri 2:00pm
Tuesday 22 October	School Athletics Day
Friday 25 October	Assembly 2:10pm
Monday 28 October	Labour Day - School Closed
Friday 1 November	Walkathon

Community Notices

- **Indigo Workshop** Decorate your own summer clothing! We are 2, Year 6 girls at Warkworth School and have dyed clothes last summer and it was fun! The secret is: *Indigo*. A natural blue dye, originally used to dye blue jeans. We have asked the artist who ran the workshop last year to run it again and she said 'Yes, if we help' and we said "YES, we will". So, enrol in our indigo workshop on Saturday 2 November at 2pm in Warkworth. Wear old clothes, bring gloves and a white or light coloured piece of cotton, silk or rayon clothing and a big smile. Cost \$30 per person. Contact sjeasymail@gmail.com or 027 612 4093.
- **Warkworth Beekeepers Film Night** at Matakana Cinemas, 16 October at 6pm. The film is called 'The Pollinators' and follows a group of beekeepers in the US see <https://www.thepollinators.net/new-page> for more info. All welcome to get tickets here: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/8333https://tickets.demand.film/event/8333>
- **Horizon School** presents their Production *Assemble*. Matinee is at 11:00am on Tuesday 22 October. Doors open at 10:30am. Adults \$5 and children \$2. Tickets are available from Horizon School Office.
- **Homebuilders Family Services** Courses in Warkworth and Wellsford Term 4, 2019. Parenting course with Terry Healey in Wellsford starts Tuesday 29 October for 5 weeks. Parenting course with Liz Cole in Warkworth starts Monday 21 October for 6 weeks. Mindfulness course in Warkworth starts Friday 1 November for 6 weeks. Register by calling Homebuilders 09 425 7048. If you require free childminding, please let us know when you register. ALL OUR COURSES ARE FREE.

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